

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING D'ANGELIA McMILLAN,
ARIELLE BETTS, AMINA GARTH
AND HEAVENLY GARTH

HON. MORGAN McGARVEY

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 17, 2023

Mr. McGARVEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor D'Angelia McMillan, Arielle Betts, Amina Garth and Heavenly Garth for their commitment to creating change in Kentucky.

As members of the Real Young Prodigy's Program, they spearheaded an advocacy campaign to pass the CROWN Act in Louisville. They also led a rally that brought in over 400 children to Frankfort in support of their cause. Young people across Louisville are better off thanks to D'Angelia, Arielle, Amina, and Heavenly's tireless advocacy, and I thank them for their service to our community.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF PETERSON ZAH

HON. RUBEN GALLEG0

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 17, 2023

Mr. GALLEG0. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life and legacy of former Navajo Nation President Peterson Zah, who passed away on March 7, 2023.

Peterson Zah served as Chairman of the Navajo Nation from 1983 to 1987 before serving as the Navajo Nation's first elected President from 1991 to 1995. Zah graduated from Arizona State University with a degree in education. He was committed throughout his life to making a difference in Navajo people's lives, particularly through creating higher education opportunities for Native Americans at ASU and other institutions. The President was recognized for his work in education with the Lifetime Achievement Award from the National Indian Education Association and the Martin Luther King, Jr. Servant Leadership Award. As leader of the Navajo Nation, Zah focused on government accountability and established the Navajo Nation Permanent Trust Fund.

Chairman Zah's impact on the Navajo Nation will be remembered for many years to come. His humility, compassion, and commitment to bettering his community have served as an inspiration for many. I extend my deepest condolences to President Zah's family and join all those who knew him in commemorating his service and leadership.

President Peterson Zah was cherished by those who knew him and will be deeply and sincerely missed. May he rest in peace.

HONORING ASHLEY CARIÑO AS A
DISTINGUISHED LEADER IN CEN-
TRAL FLORIDA FOR WOMEN'S
HISTORY MONTH

HON. DARREN SOTO

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 17, 2023

Mr. SOTO. Mr. Speaker, Ashley Cariño is Miss Puerto Rico Universe 2022 and Miss Florida USA 2021. Ashley was born in Fajardo, Puerto Rico in 1994 at Dr. Gubern Hospital. She moved with her family at the age of six to Kissimmee, Florida. From a very young age, Ashley demonstrated a passion for sciences—falling in love with anything STEM-related and becoming involved in various STEM clubs and programs throughout her educational years.

When she finished high school, Ashley was able to graduate with a minor in architecture and several technical certifications. From there, she studied aerospace engineering at the University of Central Florida.

As the eldest of five, Ashley has always been aware of the impact of role models on today's growing generation. Therefore, she has strived to become the best role model she can be for her siblings and those around her. Additionally, Ashley has focused on helping children and adolescents with mental health diagnoses find coping skills and passions through STEM programs and activities in the community. She hopes to inspire those around her to be themselves and believe in who they are and what they can accomplish.

Ashley dreams of becoming the first Miss Universe to ever go to space. Her ultimate goal is to work for NASA, which was a childhood dream of hers. Ashley is also a baseball fan and a big "Trek" or fan of the TV show "Star Trek." With her serenity and mysticism, she challenges what strength and power can look like.

HONORING NYREE CLAYTON- TAYLOR

HON. MORGAN McGARVEY

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 17, 2023

Mr. McGARVEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Nyree Clayton-Taylor for her steadfast service to our community.

Nyree is the creator of the Hip Hop N2 Learning Real Young Prodigy's Program, empowering students to use hip hop to create change that impacts the lives of Black children across Kentucky. She was also named the 2019 Kentucky Elementary Teacher of the Year. Nyree's dedication to bring about change and impact young lives is inspiring, and I thank her for all she does for Louisville.

TRIBUTE TO THE 2022 ELLIS IS-
LAND MEDAL OF HONOR RECIPI-
ENTS

HON. DARIN LAHOOD

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 17, 2023

Mr. LAHOOD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the 2022 recipients of the prestigious Ellis Island Medal of Honor. Presented annually, the Ellis Island Medals of Honor pay tribute to our Nation's immigrant heritage, as well as individual achievement. The Medals are awarded to U.S. citizens from diverse ethnic backgrounds who exemplify outstanding qualities in both their personal and professional lives, while continuing to preserve the richness of their particular heritage and culture.

Since the Medals' founding, more than 2,500 American citizens have received the Ellis Island Medal of Honor, including seven American Presidents, numerous United States Senators and Congressmen, two Nobel Laureates, and many athletes, artists, clergy, and military leaders. This Medal is not about material success, nor is it about the politics of immigration; it is about the people who have committed themselves to this Nation, embraced the opportunities America offers, and most importantly, who have used those opportunities to not only better their own lives but make a difference in our country and in the lives of its people.

Citizens of the United States hail from every nation known to man. The iconic metaphor of this Nation as a veritable melting pot of cultures continues to ring true, and it is this diversity that adds to the unique richness of American life. The Ellis Island Medals of Honor not only celebrate select individuals but also the pluralism and democracy that enabled our forbearers to celebrate their cultural identities while still embracing the American way of life. This award serves to remind us all that with hard work and perseverance anyone can still achieve the American dream. In addition, by honoring these remarkable Americans, we honor all who share their origins and we acknowledge the contributions they have made to America. I commend Ellis Island Honors Society and its Board of Directors headed by Chairman Nasser J. Kazeminy, for honoring these truly outstanding individuals for their efforts to promote a sense of common purpose in our nation.

I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the good works of the Ellis Island Honors Society and in congratulating all of the 2022 recipients of the Ellis Island Medal of Honor. I include in the RECORD the names of this year's recipients.

2022 ELLIS ISLAND MEDAL OF HONOR RECIPIENTS

Pouria Abbassi, Cyrus Ansary, Esq., Dr. Brahim Ardolic, Maestro Igor Babailov, Hon. RAA, MFA, KStA, D.Littl, Dr. Robert Bard, Dean John Belcher, Nazanin Boniadi, Honorable Denis Boyle, Ambassador Nancy

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INTERNATIONAL ELLIS ISLAND MEDAL OF HONOR
RECIPIENT

Dr. Segenet Kelemu.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF JACK C. JACKSON, SR.

HON. RUBEN GALLEGO

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 17, 2023

Mr. GALLEGO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life and legacy of the Honorable Jack C. Jackson, Sr., who passed away on March 5, 2023.

Jack C. Jackson, Sr. served as a member of the Arizona Legislature as well as a Navajo Nation Council delegate. Jackson was born in Leupp, Arizona on the Navajo, and went on to become an educator at Window Rock High School and Diné College. Jack strongly believed in the importance of education for Navajo children. Throughout his time in both the Arizona House of Representatives and Senate, he was a tireless supporter of tribal educational institutions and helped establish Arizona Indian Legislative Day, an opportunity for Arizona's 22 tribal governments to make their voices heard. Jack was a strong advocate for the preservation of Diné culture, language, and traditions for future generations of the Navajo Nation.

Jack C. Jackson, Sr. has had a tremendous impact on the Navajo Nation and Arizona. We are all better for having experienced his leadership and wisdom. I extend my deepest condolences to Mr. Jackson's family and join all those who knew him in commemorating his lasting contributions. He tirelessly fought for his community, and his legacy will live on as an inspiration to us all.

Jack C. Jackson, Sr. was loved by those who knew him and will be deeply and sincerely missed by the Nation he served so honorably. May he rest in peace.

CELEBRATING BANGLADESH INDEPENDENCE DAY

HON. HALEY M. STEVENS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 17, 2023

Ms. STEVENS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating Bangladesh upon its Independence Day. On March 26, 1971, the people of Bangladesh declared their independence from Pakistan, after a long and hard-fought struggle for freedom.

At this time, I would like to join our friends from the community in honoring the brave men and women who fought and sacrificed their lives for the cause of a free and democratic Bangladesh. Additionally, it is a great pleasure to recognize the many contributions of Michigan's 150,000 member Bangladeshi-American community to the state and the many more across the Nation, and to celebrate their rich culture and heritage this March.

Many Bangladeshi-Americans are doctors, engineers, and small business owners, bolstering economic development and job creation in America. Dr. MD Rabbi Alam, a resident of Michigan's 11th District, is the Founder and Chairman of Bangabandhu Commission and is the President of Bangabandhu Parishad USA. The Bangabandhu Commission and Parishad work together closely to strengthen local communities through civic engagement, training and development opportunities. It is my pleasure to acknowledge the wonderful work Dr. Alam and others in the community do to elevate issues affecting Bangladesh and Bangladeshi-Americans.

Over the past five decades, Bangladesh has made significant progress in areas such as education, gender equality, health care, and economic development, and has emerged as a vibrant South Asian Democracy. Bangladesh's economy has grown an average rate of 6 percent over the past year, making it one of the fastest growing economies in the world. The country's GDP has tripled since 2006 and is projected to continue to grow even more in the coming years.

Bangladesh is also one of the most vulnerable countries to climate change, yet their government has implemented various adaptation measures, including cyclone shelters, strengthening river embankments, and promoting climate-resilient agriculture practices. Despite facing numerous challenges, the people of Bangladesh have demonstrated remarkable resilience and determination in building a better future for themselves and their families.

With the significant strides made by Bangladesh in promoting women's rights and empowerment, the country has successfully increased women's participation in politics and implemented policies to address gender-based violence. According to World Health Organization (WHO), the life expectancy of women was just 26 years, at the country's birth in 1971. By the end of year 2020 life expectancy for women is now 72 years. Bangladesh has shown incredible progress for gender equality, and by the beginning of 2023, the Prime Minister, the Speaker of the House, the Deputy Leader of the Parliament, the Education Minister, the Agriculture Secretary of the Bangladesh Awami League, the Foreign Affairs Secretary of the Bangladesh Awami League,

and the Health and Population Secretary of the Bangladesh Awami League are all women. In addition to the women ranking in leadership, there are also seats in parliament that are reserved for women and many more represent seats that are directly elected without quotas. It is clear that Bangladesh has set itself as an example of women empowerment by the Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina and the Bangladesh Awami League, and we are proud to recognize these accomplishments today.

This Independence Day, my colleagues and I are excited to join the Bangabandhu Commission and Bangabandhu Parishad USA in elevating the theme of women empowerment. Dr. Alam and Bangladeshi Americans from around the country will be travelling to Bangladesh to participate in an International Seminar on Women Empowerment, on March 23rd, with Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina joining to celebrate this occasion and the dream of the founding father of the nation, the late Honorable Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman. I thank Dr. Alam and his team for hosting this incredible event and for welcoming participation from members of Congress.

Mr. Speaker, as a nation founded on the principles of freedom and democracy, the United States celebrates the expression of these values by the people of Bangladesh as they continue to work towards a more peaceful, prosperous, and inclusive society. It is our hope that our two nations continue to grow our friendship and support each other in our mutual aspiration for a brighter future. It is an honor to recognize Bangladesh and the Bangladeshi Americans of our Nation. I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating this Bangladeshi independence and in honoring the rich history and culture of this great nation. Happy Independence Day.

HONORING MARIA WILSON

HON. MORGAN MCGARVEY

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 17, 2023

Mr. MCGARVEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Maria Wilson for her dedication to Kentucky's Third District.

As a graduate of Family Scholar House, Maria continues to work hard to ensure the organization can help women in need and get support to succeed in life. She continues to serve her community by uplifting those in Louisville who need it most. I thank Maria for her commitment to Louisvillians.

HONORING CLAUDIA ALVAREZ

HON. J. LUIS CORREA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 17, 2023

Mr. CORREA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the achievements of Claudia Alvarez, an Orange County Superior Court Judge.

Prior to becoming a judge, she served as the Orange County Deputy District Attorney for over 22 years. Claudia Alvarez graduated from California State Fullerton in 1991, before attending Loyola Law School. After graduating in

1994 with her Juris Doctorate, Claudia created her own firm where she managed a law practice specializing in family law matters serving low-income clients in Santa Ana. Following her time at her firm, she started serving as an Orange County Deputy District Attorney in 1999.

While working at the Orange County District Attorney's Office, Claudia was elected to the City Council of Santa Ana from 2000 to 2012 and actively worked to improve public safety of the city. She joined the Orange County Water District's Board of directors in 2007 to 2012 and ensured clean waters for more than 2.5 million county residents. From 2012 to 2020, she joined the Rancho Santiago Community College District as a Governing Board Member and oversaw the management and operation of the college district, including its two sister colleges, Santa Ana College and Santiago Canyon College.

Aside from her roles in public office, Claudia has invested countless hours in her community through her volunteer work. Claudia has been a mentor for the Puente (Bridge) and Hermanita (Little Sister) programs, has served as president of the Orange County Hispanic Bar Association, vice president of Kinder Caminata, and president of MANA (Orange County Chapter). Claudia has also served as a board member of Community Service Programs (CSP) (now known as Waymakers). She also has volunteered in the award-winning Orange County Gang and Intervention Partnership since 2011.

Her merit has earned her several accolades such as the Past President's Award from the Orange County Hispanic Bar Association in 2000. She has also received California State University of Fullerton's "Distinguished Alumni Recognition—Querer es Poder: 50 Examples" in 2008. In 2016, she was recognized as the Woman of the Year by the National Hispanic Business Women Association in Orange County. Claudia Alvarez has been described as instrumental in improving public safety and quality of life for her community. She has made her community proud and served as a role model that many aspire to follow.

For this reason, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring and recognizing my constituent Claudia Alvarez, for her humanitarian accomplishments and her commitment to her community.

TRIBUTE TO Foothill COLLEGE

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 17, 2023

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Foothill College on being named the Best Community College in America by Niche and Stacker. Foothill is located in Los Altos Hills, California, and has been a pioneer in higher education since its founding in 1957. Foothill College democratizes higher education by offering 191 degrees and certificates to students of all ages, backgrounds, and abilities. More than 13,000 students are enrolled each quarter across the institution's learning settings, which include online classes, field sites, and its beautiful campus. More than 60 percent of students are minorities, 45 percent of enrollees are 25 years or older, and women represent more than half of those enrolled.

The values of the College underpin everything it does: honesty, integrity, trust, openness, transparency, forgiveness, sustainability, and excellence. Trust and openness are evident in the sterling review one Junior wrote about Foothill:

"The professors show that they care for their students by being flexible to meet with students one-on-one and they are very big on advocating for diversity within their classrooms [. . .] Most importantly, the professors provide students with the information of almost every resource that is available to us such as tutoring, mental health services, and financial aid resources." (Niche)

Foothill College maintains its excellence by continuously measuring its accessibility, student success, pedagogy, and learning climate. The Financial Aid Office delivers on its mission to make a college education attainable for every student through the Foothill College Promise, two years of free tuition for first-time, full-time students. Student Services creates an inclusive learning community by working with professors to provide personal translation services in 12 languages, including American Sign Language. A survey of recent graduates shows that 85 percent of students who studied Careers in Technical Education got a job in a field similar to their academic focus, and 57 percent of students who entered the work force after community college secured a living wage. Foothill is pushing the boundaries of community college education by offering a bachelor's degree in Dental Hygiene, and a new bachelor's degree in Respiratory Therapy starting in 2024.

Our Nation's Veterans have made Foothill College their home. Working hand-in-hand with the Veterans Resource Center, servicemembers explore careers and become part of the local community. Many transfer to a 4-year college or begin working, empowered by the tools Foothill College has given them.

For all these reasons and more, Foothill College has earned the distinction of 'The Best Community College in America'. As a graduate of a community college myself, I know how valuable a community college education is. How proud I am that the home of Foothill College is California's 16th Congressional District where it is a jewel in the crown of the District that I am so privileged to represent.

HONORING HANNA YUN

HON. MORGAN McGARVEY

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 17, 2023

Mr. MCGARVEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Hanna Yun for her service to Louisville and the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

Having grown up in Korea, Hanna is a strong voice for Korean and immigrant communities in Kentucky's Third District. She is currently serving her second term as the President of the Korean American Association of Kentuckiana, and is an activist, volunteer, and leader in outreach. I thank Hanna for her commitment to Louisville's immigrant communities.

RECOGNIZING JOSEPH MCFARLAND III, RECIPIENT OF THE GREATER PITTSBURGH FRIENDLY SONS GILMARTIN ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

HON. MATT CARTWRIGHT

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 17, 2023

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Mr. Speaker, today I honor Joseph McFarland III, who has been awarded the Gilmartin Achievement Award by the Greater Pittsburgh Friendly Sons of St. Patrick. Joseph will be recognized at the group's annual gathering on March 17, 2023.

Joseph, the son of Joseph and Andrea McFarland, grew up in Old Forge, Pennsylvania. He attended Bishop Hannan High School, graduating with the class of 1987. After high school, he enlisted in the United States Marine Corps, serving for six years, including during the Gulf War and Operation Desert Storm, before his honorable discharge.

In 1993, Joseph began working as an hourly associate at the Home Depot, beginning his 30-year career in retail. He quickly rose through the ranks, taking on increasingly challenging and increasingly senior positions. He retired from the company in 2015 as a division president, overseeing more than 110,000 associates. Joseph continued to excel in retail executive management. He was based in Dallas, Texas as the chief operations officers of JCPenney, where he was responsible for stores, operations and merchandising.

Since 2018, Joseph has been the executive vice president for Lowe's. He is responsible for nearly 300,000 associates, leading teams relating to stores, contact centers, services, operations, workforce management, asset protection, real estate, facilities, aviation and global security.

In addition to his professional pursuits, Joseph works to give back to his community. He serves on the boards of the Lisa Beth Gerstman Foundation, City of Hope Hardware/Homebuilding Industry, Building Homes for Heroes and the Big XII Council. Together with his wife, Misty, he founded a nonprofit real estate company to provide affordable housing for Georgians in need in the Greater Atlanta area.

I am honored to join with the Greater Pittsburgh Friendly Sons to recognize Joseph, a proud son of Northeastern Pennsylvania, for his impressive career achievements and his military service. May he continue to strive for excellence in his professional and personal endeavors. I wish him the best this St. Patrick's Day.

HONORING JOLENE MOLITORIS

HON. MARCY KAPTUR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 17, 2023

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, today, I am honoring and celebrating Jolene Molitoris for all her years of dedicated service to improving rail service and safety in Ohio, and across our country, and around the globe. It is important for me to honor Jolene, who I have known for well over 30 years, dating back to her days with the Ohio Rail Transportation Authority.

As a city planner, I know the importance of transportation and mobility for my constituents

and all Ohioans. The importance of passenger rail and freight rail cannot be overstated, and I was always happy to work with Jolene on projects that helped Toledo and all of northern Ohio. We bonded over our passion for our shared Polish-American heritage, our commitment to working families, and our deep desire to get projects accomplished that made a difference in the lives of Ohioans.

One fond memory of Jolene comes to mind, in particular. It was cold and we were working to renovate Toledo's Amtrak station, and to do so required we had to take down a mammoth old dairy building. It was huge. So I called Jolene and I asked her if she'd ever taken down a building? And of course, her answer was no.

Well, Jolene came to Toledo, rolled up her sleeves, and helped to demolish that building with a giant crane and wrecking ball so we could get the job done. It was an unforgettable experience and something I remember, to this day. If you want someone in your corner to help roll up their sleeves and get the job done, Jolene Molitoris is the woman to call.

Jolene also went on to shatter many glass ceilings over her storied career. In 1993, President Clinton nominated her to serve as Federal Railroad Administrator, and she became the first woman ever to head that agency. Jolene went on to become the longest serving FRA Administrator in our Nation's history. In 1995, Jolene was recognized by WTS as Woman of the Year, one of many honors and awards bestowed upon her. In 2009, Governor Ted Strickland appointed her as the first woman to lead the Ohio Department of Transportation, and she went on to chair the Ohio Rail Development Commission.

While rail in Ohio is top of mind for so many in our region and across the nation, after derailments in recent months, it is important to know that there are great minds like Jolene that have long been committed to improving rail safety for America's communities. I want to congratulate Jolene on this special recognition, and I'm honored to be able to share my memories with Jolene during this International Women's History Month of our time working together to move America forward.

Warmest congratulations to Jolene. Job well done.

HONORING JACKIE FLOYD

HON. MORGAN MCGARVEY

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 17, 2023

Mr. MCGARVEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Jackie Floyd as part of Women's History Month.

As a civil rights activist and icon, Jackie Floyd has been a lifelong advocate for the Russell neighborhood and its community members. She has inspired generations of Louisvillians to get engaged and come together to work toward a common goal. Jackie is a steadfast champion of equality and I thank her for her tremendous dedication to Louisville.

RECOGNIZING PAT LAWSON MUSE

HON. JAMIE RASKIN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 17, 2023

Mr. RASKIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate Pat Lawson Muse on the occasion of her retirement after 40 remarkable years with NBC4-TV in Washington, D.C. Pat is an Emmy award-winning anchor who, together with Barbara Harrison, made broadcast history in the mid-1980s when they formed the first all-female local TV news anchor team in the Nation. The people of Maryland, Virginia and Washington, D.C. are now celebrating Pat's 40 years of excellence in broadcast journalism and service to the entire Washington region. As an anchor and general assignment reporter Pat has been a fixture on local television news, covering and reporting many of the most significant local and national stories of our time.

For decades Pat has also been a familiar face on Sunday mornings hosting NBC4's community affairs programs, including Reporter's Notebook, Viewpoint and News4 Your Sunday, exploring many of the most important issues affecting people in our region, such as finances, health, education, public safety, faith and the environment. In addition, since 1984 Pat has been the leading force in NBC4's Food 4 Families campaign which has fed tens of thousands of families, veterans, senior citizens, and others in need during the Thanksgiving period.

Muse, whose broadcast career began in radio, has been inducted into the National Association of Television Arts and Sciences Silver Circle.

We salute Pat not only for representing the local TV broadcasting profession with such excellence but for serving the many diverse communities in and around the state of Maryland with such great integrity, dignity, and uncompromising commitment to the common good of our people.

HONORING CAPTAIN JILL JAMES

HON. JARED HUFFMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 17, 2023

Mr. HUFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in celebration of Captain Jill James as she retires from the United States Navy after 34 years of extraordinary service.

Hailing from Sausalito in Marin County, Jill commissioned as an ensign in April 1989 after graduating from the University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Law. She was a direct commission to the active-duty Navy Judge Advocate General's Corps, and following her completion of Naval Justice School in Newport, Rhode Island, she reported to Naval Legal Service Office, Treasure Island, in San Francisco, California, to begin her career.

After serving at Treasure Island, Jill was reassigned to Naples, Italy, where she worked on a mobile trial team for two years, traveling to various commands in an area of responsibility stretching from Scotland to Bahrain. Her final active-duty assignment brought her back to San Francisco, as the Head Defense Coun-

sel at Naval Legal Service Office, West. Once she transitioned to the Navy Reserve, Jill went on to serve as Commanding Officer, Region Legal Service Office Pearl Harbor; Commanding Officer, Region Legal Service Office Japan; and Staff Judge Advocate, Navy Region Northwest, Reserve Component Command. Jill was recalled to active duty in September 2019 for twelve months to deploy overseas. Post-deployment, Jill was assigned to Region Legal Service Office Western Pacific.

Jill's public service is not limited to her work in the Navy. Jill has served on the Sausalito City Council since 2014, and performed duties as Vice Mayor in 2015 and Mayor in 2016 and 2021. She has served as the City's School District Liaison and as the alternate to the Marin Telecommunications Agency. Jill has also represented the City on the Marin Bay Waterfront Adaptation Vulnerability Evaluation (BayWAVE) and as the alternate delegate to the Association of Bay Area Government.

Jill has cultivated an extensive civilian career alongside her reserve service. After transitioning from active duty, she worked in civil litigation, managing trial teams in the San Francisco Superior Court and nearby jurisdictions as a lead counsel. She later specialized in wine and vineyard law, and went on to co-found an ecommerce company, Qorkz Wine, that facilitates wine sales from limited production wineries directly to consumers.

Mr. Speaker, Captain Jill James exemplifies what it means to be a community-minded public servant. Her dedicated service both on the Sausalito City Council and in the United States Navy has left a positive impact locally in Marin County and on Navy operations worldwide. Therefore, please join us in congratulating her for decades of inspiring work and in wishing her a fulfilling military retirement.

RECOGNIZING JAMES T. ROONEY, RECIPIENT OF THE GREATER PITTSBURGH FRIENDLY SONS SWINGLE AWARD

HON. MATT CARTWRIGHT

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 17, 2023

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Mr. Speaker, today I honor James T. Rooney who has been awarded the W. Francis Swingle Award by the Greater Pittsburgh Friendly Sons of St. Patrick. He will be recognized at the group's annual gathering on Friday, March 17, 2023.

James is the son of the late James A. Rooney and Margaret Mary Hennigan Rooney and a lifelong resident of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. He graduated from St. John the Evangelist High School with the Class of 1976, and he continued his academic career at Luzerne County Community College, studying fire science. He also completed coursework at the Pennsylvania State Fire Academy in Lewistown, Pennsylvania.

James first followed his passion for firefighting by joining the Niagara Engine Co. No. 2 as a volunteer firefighter in July 1976. He rose through the ranks to be named secretary then captain of the company. In December 1980, he was hired as a part-time fire truck driver, then hired as a full-time fighter and apparatus operator in April 1985. In 1992, James

was promoted to assistant fire chief, and by 2001, he was deputy fire chief. He retired in June 2020 as the fire chief, a position he held for 14 years.

James proudly served his beloved hometown as a firefighter for 35 years. During his tenure, he helped thousands of children, educators and older adults learn about fire prevention and safety. He has also taught CPR for the American Heart Association, and for the past 30 years, he has served as treasurer of the Pittston Volunteer Firemen's Relief Association. For his efforts, he was acknowledged by the Pennsylvania Senate in 2006. Since his retirement, he has been working part-time for Adonizio Funeral Home.

In addition to his service to Pittston as a firefighter, James is also an active member of many community organizations. He has served as an EMT with the Greater Pittston Ambulance, attaining the rank of captain. James is a past president and member of the Greater Pittston Friendly Sons and a member of the Knights of Columbus Council 372 and the 4th Degree Assembly 948. He also belongs to the Pennsylvania Career Fire Chiefs Association, the NEPA Emerald Society and the Avoca Ancient Order of Hibernians. He has been on the boards of YMCA and the Pittston Little League and a coach for many youth sports teams.

I am honored to join with the Greater Pittston Friendly Sons to recognize James for his impressive firefighting career and his lifelong service to his community. May he continue to find purpose and fulfillment in giving back to others. I wish him all the best this St. Patrick's Day.

HONORING GUALTERIO SANTOS

HON. J. LUIS CORREA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 17, 2023

Mr. CORREA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the achievements of Gualterio Santos.

Gualterio Santos was an immigrant from a village in Oaxaca, Mexico who came to the United States when he was only sixteen years old and fought to avoid being separated from his wife, Sebastiana Morales, and their seven children.

In November of 2017, he learned of a deportation order for him. He spent the past two years, thinking that at any moment the Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) agents would come to arrest him.

In October of 2019, the situation worsened when ICE agents were transporting him to the Mexican border into Tijuana was stopped when his attorney Crooms obtained an order pausing his expulsion.

In December of 2019, a few days before Christmas Day, a miracle happened. Monica Crooms, an attorney fighting his case told him that his deportation order had been cancelled.

Santos has lived in the United States too long to not consider the country, like Mexico, his home. He came to the United States in 1991 and was a street vendor in Washington Heights, New York for nearly a decade.

In 2000, he got lost in Michigan and crossed into Canada, and when he returned to the United States, ICE officers warned him that they were filing a complaint for which he had to appear before a judge in Detroit, Michigan.

In 2003, without receiving a notification, Santos and his family moved to Southern California. The Santos opened a small flower shop called Santos Flowers that today became a chain of several stores, employing more than twenty people. He became known as "the king of flowers."

He submitted his application for a green card when he thought about regularizing his situation. In August of 2017 he was summoned to a hearing, only to learn that the Detroit judge had waited for him and in his absence, had ordered his deportation in 2000.

Santos was a well-liked man in the city for his contribution to the local economy, fifteen years he had created a distribution network that took his flowers to more than one hundred and fifty supermarkets. The judge received letters from politicians and community leaders asking him to seek legal pathways for Santos not to be deported. Gualterio Santos, an Oaxacan entrepreneur, considers the support given to him by officials in Santa Ana helped him recover his freedom. Santos is grateful for his second chance in the United States of America.

I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring and celebrating the achievements of Gualterio Santos.

HONORING US ARMY CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER JACK GOLDMAN

HON. PATRICK RYAN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 17, 2023

Mr. RYAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of U.S. Army Chief Warrant Officer Jack Goldman and pay tribute to his remarkable service to our nation.

Jack Goldman was one of four brothers whose Jewish grandparents emigrated to the United States in the 1890s from Poland and Lithuania. Jack's father, Harry Goldman, served in the U.S. Army Expeditionary Forces in World War I and, after the war, started a textile and tailoring business in the garment district of Manhattan. Jack's mother passed away from cancer when Jack was just four years old. Harry remarried, but Jack's stepmother was verbally and physically abusive, and his childhood during the Great Depression was difficult.

Jack Goldman enlisted in the United States Army in October 1944, right after high school, at the age of 17. Given his young age, enlistment required special permission from Jack's father. Having personally experienced the horrors of World War I trench warfare and with two sons already fighting in World War II, Harry nonetheless granted permission for Jack to enlist. Jack excelled in basic combat infantryman training at Fort Dix, New Jersey, and after completion was selected to serve as a Drill Corporal at Camp Pickett, training other new recruits. He deployed to Europe later that year, landing at La Havre, France, and participated in the closing actions of the European Theater in World War II. Assigned to the 4th Cavalry Regiment, he remained in Southern Germany and Austria until November 1946 serving in the U.S. Constabulary. His duties there included traffic control, countering black-marketing, supervising Displaced Persons Camps, denazification operations, enforcing

Allied Occupation policy, and ensuring general security.

After returning to New York in December 1946, Jack went to work for the family business alongside his three brothers and joined the U.S. Army Reserves. Jack thrived in the military and loved the Army's work ethic, mission, values, and sense of honorable service. He was particularly impressed with Army Officers who had graduated from West Point and considered them to be an elite class of warrior-leaders who lived by a sacred code. Jack Goldman adapted this code of Duty, Honor, Country as his own, and lived his life accordingly. Throughout his 34+ year Army Career Jack actively sought out West Pointers to learn from them, and later in his career he mentored and supported them.

In the summer of 1950, Jack Goldman's reserve unit was activated. Jack was hoping to be deployed with his unit to Korea. But given his potential and demonstrated leadership abilities in the 325th Tank Battalion, he was instead promoted to First Sergeant and re-assigned to Camp Pickett, Virginia. Jack finally made it to Korea shortly after the signing of the cease-fire, serving as the Division Crypto Officer for the 24th Infantry Division, then stationed near Munson-Ri, along the demilitarized zone.

Before going to Korea, Jack Goldman applied for and was accepted into the U.S. Army Warrant Officer Program for Unit Administrators to improve training and combat readiness across the Army. He was promoted to Warrant Officer Junior Grade One in June 1951 among the Army's first class of Unit Administrators. Jack Goldman relished this support role and excelled at it.

After an initial evaluation phase, the Army cancelled the Warrant Officer Unit Administrator program, citing that the additional warrant officer in a company-level unit caused unneeded friction between the First Sergeant and Executive Officer, and offered Jack a career field change. Given his high aptitude scores, Jack was placed into and re-trained in the Crypto/Secure Communications Field. He served, with great success, in this critical field until his first retirement in 1978.

As Jack Goldman gained more experience, mastery, and seniority in the Crypto field he was assigned to increasingly sensitive locations and roles. These roles included the U.S. Embassy in La Paz, Bolivia, during that nation's anti-communism fights; the Headquarters of the 101st Airborne Division, as they prepared to deploy to Vietnam; and the Headquarters, U.S. Army, Europe during the Cold War. Over time Jack Goldman became a well-known, household name in the Army's Communications Security Community and the entire Signal Branch.

His culminating active-duty assignment was as the VII Corps Communications Security Officer at Kelly Barracks, Germany. The assignment was intended to be a two-year role but ended up as a lengthy five-year tour. Due to his excellent performance, integrity, professionalism, and the role he played in the execution of U.S. and NATO war plans for the defense of central Europe, senior leaders sought to keep Jack on the team. During that period, Jack ensured that all U.S. nuclear capable units could communicate securely and, more importantly, authenticate any nuclear weapons operations and nuclear strike orders. He served as the VII Corps subject matter expert,

manager, and officer-in-charge for the Nuclear Release and Authentication System, reporting directly to the 3-star Corps Commander. The most senior general officer leadership recognized and greatly valued Jack Goldman's contributions to U.S. Security in Germany and the NATO alliance. For those reasons, they extended his tour of duty three times, a year each time.

After 34 years of active duty, five years at VII Corps, and at the urging of his superiors, Jack Goldman applied for an exception to policy to stay in the Army beyond his mandatory retirement date in order to continue to serve at VII Corps and manage the entire communications security operations. The Army, however, assessed that it had finally developed a sufficient bench of qualified Communications Security Warrant Officers to allow Jack Goldman to move on into retirement. Jack Goldman then elected to stay in Germany and continue to serve the Army and his Nation in a different role: that of an Instructor in U.S. Army Cadet Command's (USACC) Junior Army Reserve Officer's Training Program (AJROTC).

This was an ideal role for an 'old Soldier' who had so many experiences and so much to give back. Jack was first temporarily assigned to the Mannheim High School AJROTC program to fill in for the permanent instructor who suddenly had to step down due to an illness. The hiring process was already ongoing for a permanent fill in the Mannheim program, and Jack Goldman added his application, as well.

There was, however, another opportunity at the European Command Headquarters at Patch Barracks, Germany. The Department of Defense Education Agency-Europe (DODEA) had received Congressional funding to build a new high school at Patch Barracks. That school was slated to open in the 1979-1980 school year. Jack Goldman selflessly offered to conduct a trial AJROTC satellite program at Patch Barracks, fully knowing that his chances for a permanent position at Mannheim would be forfeited with that decision.

Due to Jack Goldman's efforts, charisma, tenacity, innovative leadership, and firm belief in the value of the AJROTC program, the first year of Junior ROTC at Patch Barracks was a smashing success above and beyond any expectations at U.S. Army Cadet Command or the DODEA. In the following 1980-81 school year, Patch American High School was granted its own AJROTC unit, and Army Cadet Command activated the 8th JROTC Battalion, U.S. Army-Europe (known as "The Panther Battalion").

Jack Goldman proceeded to grow, improve, lead and foster that program for 31 consecutive years until his second retirement in 2010, at the age of 84. At the time of his retirement from DODEA and ROTC, Jack Goldman was on record as the oldest serving Senior Army Instructor in U.S. Army Cadet Command.

Under Jack Goldman's effective leadership, and his innovative and successful application of West Point ideals, principles, and the Cadet Honor Code, the Panther Battalion became the gold standard of JROTC programs in Europe. The Panther Battalion developed a reputation for academic, physical, military, and character excellence, mirroring the domains and pillars of West Point. The unit won scores of accolades and achievements from 1979 to 2010.

After retiring for the second time, Jack decided to continue to serve his country, the

Army, and Soldiers by becoming a stock clerk and cashier at the Army and Air Force Exchange Service (AAFES, also known as the PX) in Panzer Kaserne, Germany. Jack performed this role for 10 years from 2010 to 2020, with his career totaling 75 years of federal service.

Over the years, Jack received countless awards for service, citizenship, volunteerism, achievement, and performance. He was also a humanitarian conducting fundraisers for various charities and natural disasters, sponsoring an orphanage in Romania, sponsoring an elementary school in Kosovo, visiting German senior citizen homes, hospitals, and more. He also inspired thousands of students to be better citizens.

Many were inspired to serve in the Armed Forces or Civil Service, attend service academies, and win ROTC Scholarships. In 2006, Jack was a competitive nominee for West Point's prestigious Thayer Award, ultimately won that year by Tom Brokaw. A disappointed general officer, who strongly supported Jack's nomination, later wrote: "Tom Brokaw won the Thayer Award for writing about and reporting on guys like Jack Goldman."

Jack Goldman was a low key, humble, and selfless patriot. It is my privilege to rise in recognition of his life of service and to honor his memory.

HONORING SHERRY CONNORS

HON. MORGAN MCGARVEY

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 17, 2023

Mr. MCGARVEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Sherry Connors as part of Women's History Month.

As the first female elected Mayor of Shively in Jefferson County, Sherry has broken down barriers for women in local politics across Kentucky. She has helped break down barriers and serves as an inspiration to many. I thank Sherry for her service to our community and her work as a dedicated public servant.

CELEBRATING 30 YEARS OF ONE-N-TEN

HON. RUBEN GALLEG0

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 17, 2023

Mr. GALLEG0. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize one-n-ten, which celebrates its 30th Anniversary this year. I am incredibly excited to celebrate this wonderful organization and their outstanding work supporting LGBTQ+ youth and young adults in my community.

Since its founding, one-n-ten has been helping LGBTQ+ youth learn self-acceptance, leadership, and life skills so that they can reach their full potential and be the future community leaders Arizona needs. Thanks to one-n-ten programs, these youth have found a space to come together, support one another, and learn from each other. The organization also provides critical social services for LGBTQ+ youth in Arizona, including housing programs, wellness programming, and workforce readiness classes.

I have long advocated for full and equal rights for LGBTQ+ people, and one-n-ten is an invaluable ally in this mission. I'd like to thank everyone at one-n-ten, including Executive Director Nate Rhoton, for their tireless work supporting Arizona's LGBTQ+ youth and young adults, and I can't wait to see what they accomplish in the decades to come.

Again, congratulations to one-n-ten on a remarkable 30 years and I look forward to seeing how they continue to positively change our community.

RECOGNIZING THE LANCASTER HIGH SCHOOL VARSITY BOYS BASKETBALL TEAM'S STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 17, 2023

Mr. WITTMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the Lancaster High School varsity boys basketball team's Class 1 State Championship.

On Friday, March 10, the Red Devil varsity boys basketball team ended their season with a perfect record of 29-0, defeating George Wythe High School 62-40 in a hard-fought championship game. The Red Devils were not only perfect but dominant throughout the entire season, winning every game by double-digits. This championship is the crowning achievement to an incredible season and calls for celebration.

I would like to recognize Head Coach Dwayne Pinn, who developed the team's winning culture over many years, having coached many of the young men since they were in fourth grade. Next, I would like to recognize the student-athletes: Terrill Diggs, Antavion Thomas, Gerrion Owens, Brannndonn Wade, Lamar Mattocks, Tyson Henderson, Darius Smith, Daveon Smith, Kelvin Davis, Sean Thomas, Jeremy Smith, Troy Henderson, Jaquarrias Morris, Tyliil Walters, and X'Zaveion Owens.

And finally, I would like to recognize the assistant coaches: Derrick Henderson, Troy Henderson, Eddie Hall, Jovante Smith, Mark Saunders; the athletic director, Dave Zeiler; the cheerleading advisor, Nikki Kelley; the principal, Mary Catherine Jones; and the superintendent, Jessica Davis.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you to join me in recognizing the accomplishments and hard work of the student-athletes, coaches, and volunteers of Lancaster High School's varsity boys basketball program. I look forward to seeing their continued excellence on the court.

IN CELEBRATION OF ALISE MARTINY FOR HER SERVICE TO THE GREATER KANSAS CITY BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION TRADES COUNCIL

HON. EMANUEL CLEAVER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 17, 2023

Mr. CLEAVER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate Alise Martiny's service to the Greater Kansas City Building and Construction

Trades Council, and to congratulate her for becoming an International Representative with Operative Plasterers' and Cement Masons' International Association (OPCMIA). Having served as the Business Manager and Financial Secretary for the Greater Kansas City Building and Trades Council since 2012, Alise has used her influence to make the construction industry more welcoming to women and minorities while safeguarding the interests of over 25,000 union members throughout the Kansas City metropolitan area. As Alise prepares to assume responsibilities in her new position, let us take a moment to reflect on her illustrious career.

In 1980, following her decision to drop out of college, Alise heard an advertisement on the radio aimed at recruiting more women and minorities into the construction industry. Selected for a program funded by the federal government as part of an effort to diversify the trades, Alise completed a three-month pre-apprenticeship with the Kansas City Cement Masons' Local Union 518. From there, Alise became a Concrete Finisher Apprentice with Local Union 518, marking the beginning of a thirteen-year career working in the trade. Spending time at her family's firm, JJ Martiny Concrete Co. Inc., Alise became an expert decorative concrete finisher and a role model for other women pursuing jobs in the construction industry.

From 1993 until 1999, Alise served as the Apprenticeship Coordinator for the Kansas City Cement Masons before becoming Local No. 518's Business Agent. In 2012, Alise made history as the first woman ever elected to serve as the Business Manager and Financial Secretary for the Greater Kansas City Building and Construction Trades Council, which represents sixteen construction trades in the Greater Kansas City area. Earning the trust and support of thousands of union workers, Alise was re-elected to this position multiple times. In a field dominated by men, Alise advocated endlessly for the recruitment of women and minorities into the construction trades, using her platform to draw attention to the high wages and strong benefits that unionized workers have fought to secure. Hoping to empower other women through jobs in the construction industry, Alise developed the Mentoring a Girl in Construction (MAGIC) program sponsored by the National Association of Women in Construction.

Thankfully, the profound contributions that Alise has made to the labor movement have not gone unrecognized. Last year, Alise was honored with the first ever Trades Women Build Nations Lifetime Achievement Award from the North American's Building Trades Union (NABTU) during a presentation at that year's Trade Women Build Nations Conference. Alise proudly represented the Cement Masons as a Jobs Corps Instructor, and has achieved 25 year, 30 year, and 40 year milestones within the OPCMIA. Always committed to giving back to the union that offered her an apprenticeship, Alise has served Local Union 518 as an Executive Board Member, Vice President, and President. In each position, Alise has worked to ensure that other women are welcomed into the construction industry and properly recognized for their skills and contributions.

Alise has earned an Associate of Arts degree in Labor Studies from Ivy Tech Community College, has worked as a journey person

on thousands of jobsites, and donates her time to several community organizations, including the Kansas City, Missouri Construction Workforce Board, the Kansas Apprenticeship Council, the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City's Economic Advisory Council, the Blue Cross Blue Shield of Kansas City board of directors, the Kansas City, Kansas Chamber of Commerce President's Downtown Advisory Council, and the Labor-Management Council, where she served as Board Secretary for over a decade. As I read over this list, it becomes apparent that Alise's contributions to the construction industry, the labor movement, and the Greater Kansas City area cannot be overstated.

Now, Alise Martiny is preparing to lead her union on the global stage. As an International Representative with Operative Plasterers' and Cement Masons' International Association, I have no doubt that Alise will continue the tradition of excellence that she established so early in her career. Alise will continue opening doors for others, advancing the interests of workers in the trades, and bringing pride to all who know her. Mr. Speaker, please join me in applauding Alise Martiny for all the good work she has done, and all the good work she will do.

REMEMBERING JAMES MILROY
"JIM" BROWN

HON. STEVE COHEN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 17, 2023

Mr. COHEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a great civic-minded American hero and Marine Corps veteran, James Milroy "Jim" Brown, who passed earlier this month at the age of 92. Mr. Brown joined the Marines in Charleston, West Virginia, shortly after graduating from Clay County High School. While in the Marine Corps, he served as a machine-gunner in the Korean War, at the Pusan Perimeter, Inchon Landing, Wonsan Landing, the Chosin Reservoir and Hanhung in North Korea. Mr. Brown received the Purple Heart with Gold Star, Korean Service Medal with three Gold Stars, the Presidential Unit Citation with two Bronze Stars and the Combat Action Ribbon with three Gold Stars for his actions in the Korean War and often spoke of his participation in the historic Battle of the Chosin Reservoir during the strategic retreat of United Nations forces from North Korea.

Mr. Brown regularly attended funerals for veterans in his full military uniform, honoring the fallen servicemen for their service, which was greatly appreciated by their families and friends. It was his way of giving back to his fellow veterans and the community.

After Korea, he was transferred to Marine Corps Aviation and trained as an Aviation Structural Mechanic in Millington, Tennessee. After that training, he served as an instructor in that school from 1951 to 1955. Mr. Brown served with the 1st Marine Aircraft Wing in Okinawa, Japan, until 1956 and returned to Millington as an Instructor. In 1960, he was transferred to Beaufort, South Carolina, where he served until 1964. From 1964 to 1967 Mr. Brown was the Curriculum Supervisor in Millington. Mr. Brown served briefly in the Republic of Vietnam as the Wing Analyst Chief at

the DaNang Air Base before returning to Millington. He retired from the Marines Corps as a Master Sergeant in August of 1970.

In 1967 Mr. Brown graduated from Memphis State University with a B.S. degree in Secondary Education. He earned his Master's Degree in Educational Administration and completed all the course work for his Doctorate in Education from the University of Memphis.

From 1970 to 1995 he served as an educator with Memphis City Schools, including as a Vocational Teacher, Administrator, and Vocational Evaluator. From 1995 to 2001 Mr. Brown served as a Commissioner of the Board of Education, Memphis City Schools. He was elected as Vice President in 1998 and President in 1999.

In addition to his civic and educational activities, Mr. Brown was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Fleet Reserve Association, Marine Corps League, Optimist Club, Exchange Club, the Raleigh Masonic Lodge, and Memphians for America, an employer support organization for the Guard and Reserve.

America has lost a steady and reserved public servant and a grateful Nation takes note. I extend my condolences to his wife, Betty Sue; his sons, his grandchildren, his siblings, and his many friends and admirers.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY
OF JOSIE BROWN CHILDS

HON. JONATHAN L. JACKSON

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 17, 2023

Mr. JACKSON of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Josie Brown Childs, a true pioneer and civil rights champion who passed away on February 13, 2023, at the age of 96. She left an indelible mark on Chicago and beyond.

Childs began her career in public service in the 1950s, working for the City of Chicago and later as an events coordinator under Colonel Jack Riley. She went on to serve Mayor Harold Washington as an aide, working on his mayoral campaigns and at City Hall in the Special Events and Cultural Affairs departments from 1983 to 1990.

One of Childs' most significant achievements was founding the Mayor Harold Washington Legacy Committee in 2013, dedicated to preserving Washington's legacy through voter registration initiatives, an annual wreathlaying ceremony at his Oak Woods Cemetery tomb, and a Roosevelt University scholarship. Her tireless efforts to ensure the continued legacy of Chicago's first African American mayor were truly remarkable and helped to make a lasting impact on the city.

Childs dedicated her life to public service and promoting African American cultural and historical awareness. She worked with The Chicago Urban League, the NAACP, Planned Parenthood, Rainbow PUSH, and many other organizations to improve the lives of others and advance the cause of civil rights.

Her life and legacy will continue to inspire future generations to pursue their dreams and positively impact their communities. We owe it to her memory to continue fighting for justice and equality. On behalf of the people of Illinois' First Congressional District, I offer my

deepest condolences to Childs' family and friends. We honor her life and legacy today and always, and we will never forget the groundbreaking, history-making work she accomplished.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MARIANNETTE MILLER-MEEKS

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 17, 2023

Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to vote on March 10, 2023. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 143.

HONORING THE LIFE OF OFFICER
CHRISTOPHER FITZGERALD

HON. BRENDAN F. BOYLE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 17, 2023

Mr. BOYLE of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, it is my solemn honor to ask the House of Representatives to join me in honoring the life of Christopher Fitzgerald, a constituent of my district and Temple University Police Officer who was tragically killed in the line of duty in North Philadelphia on February 18th of this year.

Officer Fitzgerald was a valued member of the Temple community, passionate about serving our city. He was a loving father, a dedicated husband, a committed son, brother, and a lover of Philadelphia sports.

Officer Fitzgerald was born in the City of Philadelphia and comes from a family with a

proud tradition of protecting and serving the public in law enforcement. Officer Fitzgerald entered the Philadelphia Police Academy in 2017, and served as a police officer for the Philadelphia Housing Authority before transferring to the Philadelphia Sheriff's Department. In 2021, Officer Fitzgerald joined the Temple University Police Department, where he served with distinction, being recognized with the 2022 Officer of the Year award.

Officer Fitzgerald's commitment to serving the public was absolute, and he took great pride in his work protecting the Temple Community. He was loved and respected by his colleagues, and when presented with risks in the line of duty, he never hesitated for a moment in taking action to keep the City of Philadelphia safe. His conduct was and is an extraordinary example of absolute commitment to his community and city that we all should work to emulate. Even as we mourn, we profit from the example of selfless service Officer Fitzgerald leaves us with.

So I ask my colleagues in the House to join me in offering our shared condolences to Officer Fitzgerald's family, and to join me in honoring his life and unwavering dedication to protecting and serving the Temple University community and the entire City of Philadelphia.

RECOGNIZING SAUL SIMPSON

HON. RASHIDA TLAI

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 17, 2023

Ms. TLAI. Mr. Speaker, I want to honor the life and legacy of Mr. Saul Simpson, Jr., a long-time resident of Detroit and servant of the

people through his work with the Internal Revenue Service.

Born in Chicago to Saul Sr. and Rosie B. Simpson, Saul moved to Detroit in 1954 with his family at three years old. Saul was a proud graduate of Detroit Public Schools' Northwestern High School and Wayne State University.

In 1977, Saul began what would become an illustrious 45-year career with the Internal Revenue Service, working as a Human Resources Specialist. Saul's colleagues say he lived to work. He treasured his job and was a beloved figure to peers and management alike.

When he wasn't working, one of Saul's favorite pastimes was softball. Saul earned numerous awards and championships when he started playing with the Blue Devils in Metro Detroit and the Resmondo Softball League in Dundee, Florida. In 2013, Saul was inducted into the Detroit Negro Slow Pitch Softball League Hall of Fame and later the United States Specialty Sports Association Hall of Fame as well.

Saul loved life. He loved spending time and sharing laughs with friends and family. He is survived by two loving sisters, Latricia and Tyonna; two beautiful nieces Raquel and Del; his nephew Tyrik and 6 great nieces who he affectionately referred to as the G6.

Please join me in enthusiastically honoring Saul's lifetime of cherished memories, love for his community, and his nearly fifty-year career in service to the public.